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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of )  
Donald Van Doorn and )  
James Brown Hawkins )  
U.S. Serial No. 09/162, 563 )  
Filed: September 29, 1998 )  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
SEPARATING FOREIGN MATTER )  
FROM FIBROUS MATERIAL )

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The Applicant hereby submit an Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, for his invention of a "Method And Apparatus For Separating Foreign Matter From Fibrous Material." Attached hereto is a Form PTO-1449 listing two (2) United States Patents. Copies of the listed documents are also provided.

<u>Patent Number</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
5,295,283	Gillum, et al.	December 28, 1992
5,173,994	Gillum, et al.	January 14, 1992

The Applicants submits that neither of the enclosed documents render their claims unpatentable; however, they are provided for the examiner's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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